

Amendment and Response

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Title: PRINT PROCESSING SYSTEM AND METHOD WITH DOCUMENT ADVISOR SERVICE**REMARKS**

The following Remarks are made in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed June 10, 2004, in which claims 1-45 were rejected. With this amendment, claims 40-45 have been cancelled without prejudice, and claims 1-8 and 10-19 have been amended to clarify Applicant's invention. Claims 1-39, therefore, remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sevcik et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,330,542.

With this Amendment, independent claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the method includes determining at least one document type for the print job with the print processing system controller based on characteristics of the print job, including processing the data file for the print job and analyzing characteristics of the print job with the print processing system controller to determine the at least one document type for the print job. In addition, independent claim 19 has been amended to clarify that the print processing system controller is adapted to process the data file for the print job and analyze characteristics of the print job to determine at least one document type for the print job based on characteristics of the print job.

With respect to the Sevcik et al. patent, this patent does not teach or suggest a method of processing a print job, as claimed in amended independent claim 1, nor a system for processing a print job, as claimed in amended independent claim 19. For example, with the system of the Sevcik et al. patent, in order to obtain a quote, the print buyer clicks onto the graphic representing the type of product or selects a job type as shown at 42 in FIG. 3 (col. 6, lines 28-38). The system of the Sevcik et al. patent, however, does not determine a document type for the print job based on characteristics of the print job itself. Rather, the system of the Sevcik et al. patent simply allows the print buyer to visually select the type of product for which they want to request a quote, wherein in order to request a quote, the print buyer enters the catalog and selects a product (col. 6, lines 7-24).

In view of the above, Applicant submits that independent claims 1 and 19 are each patentably distinct from the Sevcik et al. patent and, therefore, are in a condition for

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allowance. Furthermore, as dependent claims 2-18 further define patentably distinct claim 1 and dependent claims 20-39 further define patentably distinct claim 19, Applicant submits that dependent claims 2-18 and dependent claims 20-39 are also in a condition for allowance. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-39 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) be reconsidered and withdrawn and that claims 1-39 be allowed.

With this Amendment, claims 40-45 have been cancelled without prejudice. The rejection of claims 40-45 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), therefore, is rendered moot.

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In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-39 are all in a condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims.

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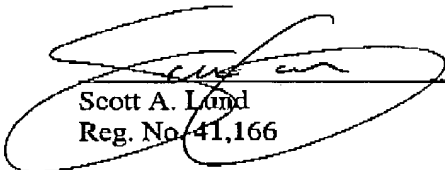
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